

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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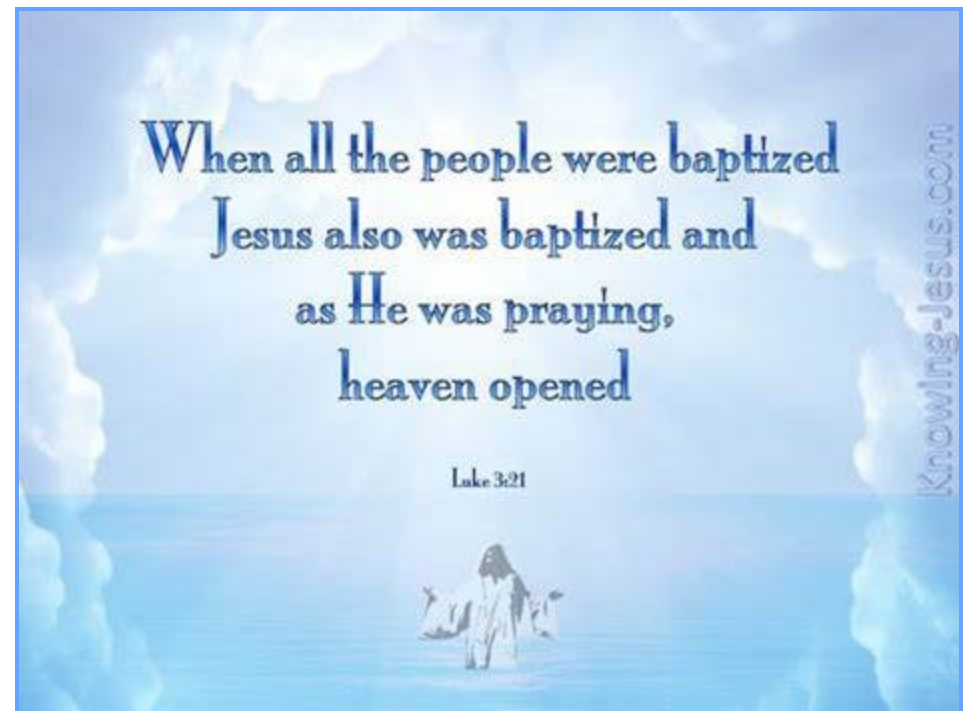
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We're glad you are here!

The Altar Flowers are placed in honor and love for my family, by Josie Harbaugh.

Ushering this month are Sherry Winner, Pat Seiple, Teri Swartzbeck and Vikki Young.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after the Children's Sermon for Church Happening.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the service for coffee and conversation.

Large Print Bulletins and seat cushions are available in the back of the sanctuary. Coloring books and crayons are available for children.

THANK YOU'S!

From Leslie Graul and the Ministry of Service and Missions.....thank you to all who braved the cold temperatures to help pack backpacks this past week. The next pack night is March 11.

From Kyle Wentling.....just wanted to say thank you so much for all your hard work putting together the luncheon after mom's service. It was very good and my family and I very much appreciate it.

From Sandy Stainbrook.....That was so kind of you to give me a bag full of all kinds of goodies! The candy will be eaten, lotion, etc. used. You thought of everything. I also want to say how very much I enjoy the organ, piano and Lori Roknick's singing. Music means so much to me. Thank you again for thinking of me.

From Pat Stearns and Sandy Beckman.....Thank you so much for the lovely gifts you gave us.

From the Keystone Adolescent Center....Thank you so much for all the knitted hats. All of the kids absolutely loved them! Thank you for always remembering Keystone.





2025 ALTAR GUILD

Taking care of the altar each week are Betty Langietti, Carol Saal, Vanessa Saylor, Jeri Saal, Pam McCormick, and Ann Fowler.

Substitutes are Pat Seiple, April Konig and Gayle Wolff.

Thank you for volunteering!



If you would like to purchase altar flowers in memory of or in honor of a family member or loved one, please call April Konig at 724-588-2316.

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Steven L. Craft, Senior Pastor
Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

**Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.*

January 12, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Betty Langietti, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES and THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT
Zachary Suntheimer, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~

PRELUDE "Star In the East" Donna N. Robertson

GATHERING SONG "Surely the Presence of the Lord"
(bulletin page 6)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

People: When we pass through difficulties and stress,

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name.

People: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

People: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name.

*OPENING HYMN "Baptized in Water" (bulletin page 7)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know what it is like to be singed by the flames of our lives, Holy God. We look for ourselves in all the wrong places - success, power, adulation. We carve our names in the granite walls of work, hoping we will be remembered when we are gone. We have gone through the waters of baptism, but live as if they have not changed us. Our failures do not cause you to quit loving us, for you continue to claim us, gathering us up in your compassionate arms. In our baptism, we discover not the end, but the first step of our journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*A SONG OF PRAISE "Alleluia"

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier

TAIZÉ ALLELUIA
Irregular

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~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the Good Shepherd Center will meet on Tuesday, January 28 at **6:00** at the center. (note time change).

Current representatives of the Executive Board from Zion's are Pastor Steve Craft, Julie Hills, and Dan Langietti.

PRAYER CHAIN

Members of the prayer chain will meet Sunday, January 26 after worship in the chapel.

Please keep the following members in your prayers:

Terry Soult
Gayle Wolff
Ron Mink
Cheryl Weikal
Arlene Sadler
Earl Fenton
Nancy Weikal
Family of Jim Beatty
Nancy Walker
Val and Noah (Profator) Suntheimer
April Konig
Joan Beatty
Carolyn Moran

John 17:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus

D/A A7 D D/F# Em7 A D

1. We were bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we were bap-tized in his death;
 2. In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,
 3. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,

A/C# Bm Bm/A G E/G# E A

that as Christ was raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
 in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
 glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;

A7 D D/F# Em7 A D

And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,
 God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain

A/C# Bm Bm/A Em7/G A7sus A7 Dsus D

we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives. _____
 in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast. _____
 in a song that has no end - ing. A - men. _____

Congregation: Unison

WORDS: John Ylvisaker (Rom. 6:3-5)
 MUSIC: John Ylvisaker

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 173 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"
 (English verses 1 and 2)

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 43:1-7 (back of bulletin)
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (back of bulletin)

SERMON "Living Water"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music "The Star Carol" Alfred Burt

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN "We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus"
 (bulletin page 8)

*THE BENEDICTION and TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Jeff Bennett

D F#m Gmaj9 CCL #15046 Em

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place;

A7 D G/D

I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace.

A7 D F#m

I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings,

Gmaj9 Em

I see glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the

A7 Em7 A7 D

pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

Baptized in Water

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C Am Dm G

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the

F C Am Em/G F C/E

Spir - it, cleansed by the blood of with Christ, our
Spir - it, dead in the tomb with Christ, our
Spir - it, marked with the sign of Christ, our

Dm G C F C

King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
King; born of one Fa - ther, we are his

Am Dm/F D7/F# C/G F G7 C

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Congregation: Unison

WORDS: Michael Saward (Rom. 6:3-5)

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